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Train inspection service.

Passed Assistant Surgeon McIntosh is at Jackson, Tenn., in charge of the inspection service over the Mobile and Ohio, from Union City, Tenn., to Corinth, Miss., and over Illinois Central from Fulton, Ky., to Holly Springs, Miss., for the protection of West Tennessee.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Stimpson is supervising the work of inspectors in Mississippi on the Illinois Central, Alabama and Vicksburg, Jackson and Natchez branch of the Yazoo Valley on the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad from Vicksburg to Slaughter, La., and Kansas City, Memphis and Birmingham.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Stoner has been ordered to Atlanta in connection with the disinfection of coaches used for refugees. Autoclaves and a supply of disinfectants have been sent to Atlanta for this purpose.

Assistant Surgeon Cumming was ordered, September 21, to Chattanooga, to organize an inspection service on all trains entering Chattanooga from the south, the preliminary arrangements of which have already been made by Acting Assistant Surgeon Hunt.

The work of the Service is being facilitated by the employment of physicians trained in Service methods last season.

Yellow fever in the United States from July 20 to September 22, 1898.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Louisiana:				
Franklin	To Sept. 13.....	42	2	Cases continue to occur.
	Sept. 14-Sept. 22 ..			
Houma.....	Sept. 22.....	1		
New Orleans.....	Sept. 17.....	1		
	Sept. 21.....	1		
Mississippi:				
Jackson.....	To Sept. 10.....	1		Do.
	Sept. 11-Sept. 22...	1	1	
Orwood.....	July 1-Sept. 6.....	41	0	
	Sept. 7-Sept. 22.....			
Oxford.....	To Sept. 22.....	9	1	Do.
Taylor.....	To Sept. 9.....	23	2	
	Sept. 10-Sept. 22...			
Waterford.....	Sept. 9.....	1		

[Reports to the Supervising Surgeon-General, United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

Abstract of replies received to circular letter addressed to State boards of health relative to transportation of dead bodies.

[Continued from No. 36.]

ARKANSAS.

No body of any person dying of contagious disease is permitted shipment into or through the State except in very cold weather, and then it must be accompanied by a certificate that it has been thoroughly disinfected and the coffin hermetically sealed and encased in a close box. Under these conditions a permit will be issued, provided there be no delay in transit.

NEW MEXICO.

No statute exists to cover the transportation of dead bodies.

VIRGINIA.

No railroad corporation or other common carrier shall convey or cause to be conveyed through or from any city, town, or place in this State, the body of any person who died of smallpox, Asiatic cholera, or yellow fever.

The body of any person who died of measles, diphtheria, scarlet fever, or typhoid fever, or other contagious, infectious, or communicable disease, before being offered for transportation must be wrapped in a sheet thoroughly saturated with a strong solution of bichloride of mercury in the proportion of one ounce of bichloride of mercury to one gallon of water and inclosed in an air-tight coffin or casket hermetically sealed, which shall be encased in a tight wooden box of material not less than 1 inch in thickness. Before any dead body can be received for transportation there shall be presented to the transportation agent a certificate from an undertaker stating that the regulations have been complied with by him; also a certificate from the local health officer, or where no health officer exists, a practicing physician, stating the name, the place of death, and the disease which caused the death of deceased. This certificate shall be furnished in duplicate. One copy shall be pasted on the box containing the dead body.

Smallpox in Dwight, Ala.

MOBILE, ALA., *September 12, 1898.*

SIR: I have the honor to state that 12 cases of smallpox, 7 white and 5 colored, have occurred at Dwight, Washington County, Ala., in the last six weeks. There was 1 death of a white infant last week. Health Officer Acker, of this county, vaccinated about 100 persons last week.

A white man and wife moved to Mallett, Miss., near the north line of Jackson County, and sickened with the same pest on August 23. These cases were cared for by the Mississippi State board of health at a cost of \$100. Dr. Folkes, State inspector, has just returned after disinfecting the persons and premises.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. D. MURRAY,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Case of smallpox in Norfolk, Va.

NORFOLK, VA., *September 20, 1898.*

SIR: Referring to my telegram of this date, I have the honor to report that 1 case of smallpox was found in the city on yesterday and sent to the pesthouse. Another case is reported here and is being investigated. These cases have been traced to the Norfolk County cases of last spring. The local board of health is using every effort to suppress the disease, and in my opinion it is a very competent body.

Respectfully, yours,

EDWD. E. FIELD,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Case of smallpox near Fort Scott, Kans.

TOPEKA, KANS., *September 15, 1898.*

SIR: One case of smallpox was reported September 15, at Pawnee, a town near Fort Scott, Kans. A tramp in a box car. Precautions taken.

Respectfully,

H. Z. GILL,
Secretary.